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ADDRESS BY MR. FULLER ON CHARACTERISTICS OF BOYS

The Kiwanis Club meeting on Tuesday evening was another very enjoyable affair. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. The president, Kiwanian Russell, presided and the speaker of the evening was Mr. E. L. Fuller, instructor of physics for the Wetaskiwin school.

At the outset of his very interesting and educative address, Mr. Fuller complimented the club on its activities since its inception. It was doing good work in a field which had not been covered before, especially in the matter of encouraging civic pride, by having the citizens beautify their homes, and the city generally. Mr. Fuller spoke of the boy life, particularly between the ages of eight and twelve years, when the boy is full of life and energy, and when he likes to be the "big man" to roam, fish, fight, etc. It is during this period that his teachers and parents have the greatest difficulty with him, and when he is the least dependable. During the period of the boy's life, when he is from five to eight, he will play school and the simpler games, but during the next period, his greatest desire is to be a pirate, and to play Hare and Hound, or he may go around as an Indian with feathers in his cap, and with bow and arrow. It is about this time in his career that he is hungry for facts, and desires to own things.

The speaker suggested several methods of handling boys. Under certain conditions corporal punishment should be resorted to. He should be kept busy with work and healthy sports as he is so full of energy and must do something. His craving for knowledge should be satisfied by giving him good books to read and not dime novels. He will also have a natural instinct to pester and if this is persisted in beyond a certain stage it is a sign that he is abnormal, and it will cause him to develop into a criminal unless this tendency is checked and corrected.

President Russell reported that over fifty hampers of Christmas cheer had been sent to children in the west country, and that a few families in the city were being remembered on Christmas Eve.

HUGE SWINDLE BARED \$600,000 IS LOST IN 'PEG'

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—With Joseph Xavier Heart, president of the Heart Music Publishing Company, Limited, with headquarters in Winnipeg, a fugitive from justice, and the firm adjudged bankrupt by the courts, shareholders of the organization here last yesterday outlined the swindle, and some sensational facts were disclosed during the session, which lasted several hours.

A paramourly important fact developed was that the 50 shareholders at the meeting and many others throughout Manitoba represented by local barristers had lost more than \$600,000 in the company, and it was declared by representatives at the meeting, that all that remains is a stock of sheet music and the furnishings of the office. Shareholders, many of whom had invested their life savings, had put into the company some ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$25,000. The company had taken from \$20,000 to \$40,000 worth of shares.

J. W. Wilton, barrister, business man and long connected with the company, its vice president and its legal adviser, outlined to the meeting investigations carried on by the directors which led to warrants being issued for the arrest of Heart and the action of a Chicago music publishing house, the Raynor-Delheim company, in having the firm declared bankrupt. After investigating holdings of the company in Chicago, Mr. Wilton returned to Winnipeg and met directors of the company. A large sum of money was supposed to be on deposit with the Chase National Bank of New York and Mr. Wilton had his bank here wire the United States bank and ask the amount on deposit. A cent reply was received from the Chase National bank: "No Heart account and never had one."

Seriously alarmed, the directors of the company then conferred with the officials of the attorney general's department and an information was sworn out against Heart by two of the directors, charging he had obtained money by false pretenses. Heart left Winnipeg in August last on a "business trip" and the last word from him was at Toronto, December 3rd, when he had advised the directors of the company to call a special meeting to discuss certain charges appearing in a Toronto paper. The meeting was called, but that was the last heard from Heart, and although he was reported to have been seen in New York, the police have been unable to find a trace of him.

Regarding the money supposed to be on deposit at the Chase National Bank, Mr. Wilton told the meeting that he had seen the certificate submitted to the auditors purporting to show that the money was there represented. Arthur Johnston, local barrister, appeared for the auditors at the meeting and explained all the intricate workings of the Heart books. He said the auditors had checked all statements in the office and found they compared with the books of the company. Invoices were found to be correct and they came to the balance alleged to be carried in the Chase National bank and which at December 31, 1923, was \$623,900. They had prepared a letter to the Chase National bank to check up on the account. The letter, said to be a code being written in and which purported to be Heart's signature in code, a kind of guarantee to the bank that they were to answer the questions that were asked. The letter was mailed, and a reply came back from the bank addressed to Joseph Heart. The

CHRISTMAS!

Christmas—with its visions of well-filled stockings, its dreams of Santa Claus and his fleet-footed racers, its unbounded joys and mountains of plum pudding. Christmas—ever in the future, yet always of the past—the fondest page in Memory's book of treasures.

It is the Season of the Soul—and our better natures are at their best. There is cheer and warmth for all we meet. The spirit of giving comes into its own. Joy is radiated to every corner of the earth. And the Angel's Message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" finds fertile root in every heart.

It is the Gift Season—the season when families gather around the Christmas Tree which is laden down with tokens of love—when friend remembers friend—and gifts are exchanged that seal the friendship for another year.

In Wetaskiwin, good old Christmas customs still prevail. Today—the twenty-fifth—many hearts will be warmed and gladdened by the receipt of gifts from friends. Let us make this a Wetaskiwin Christmas in every respect by acting towards our relatives, friends and neighbors in the true spirit of Christmas!

THE TIMES takes this opportunity of wishing

A Merry Christmas

THE MERRIER, THE BETTER! TO ONE AND ALL!

RED DEER OPENS BIG FIVE HOCKEY LEAGUE WITH WIN

Red Deer, Dec. 22.—Next to a good finish there's nothing like a good start. Red Deer got that good start as far as the Big Five Hockey League is concerned when it took Leduc into camp Saturday night to the count of 7-1.

This was Red Deer's first league game this season, and although three prominent players, Webb, Reid and McBride were not able to be on deck, the remaining regulars and the subs formed an aggregation that were able to hold the visitors down to one goal while they piled up seven.

KNOX SUNDAY SCHOOL CANTATA

The Sunday school of Knox Presbyterian church, Wetaskiwin, rendered in a very creditable manner, a cantata, entitled "Santa Borrow's Trouble," on Monday evening. In spite of the cold stormy night the church was well filled and all enjoyed greatly the program. Arthur Ward played the role of Santa; Ross McNaughton, a poor old man; George Gohard, Bad Boy Mischief; Alan Fraser, the Cook; Gordon Fraser, Santa's Secretary; Roy Liveridge, the Candy Maker; Olive Lawson, Eleanor Liveridge and Gordon East, as sprites, and Jean Kewlin Mother Goose, besides many other elfmen, sprites and goblins. It would be impossible to suitably comment on each, but all did very well. Some of the singing, especially the solos and choruses, were beautiful.

Besides the cantata, the beginners rendered two choruses. The girls of the Junior department gave a very beautiful holly drill and Helen Smith with Sybil Liveridge gave a duet which was one of the excellent items of the program. The receipts will about meet the expenditure on costumes, etc.

Figures filled in tallied exactly with the account as shown in the Winnipeg books, and bore the signature of J. H. Gates, assistant cashier of the Chase National Bank. There was also a long personal letter to Heart which would give the impression that he was exceedingly well known by high officials of the bank. One of the letters referred to efforts to get the bank to have Heart serve on its directors, and also referred to his "oil" dealings. His oil dealings were referred to as the "biggest thing in the world." Mr. Johnston pointed out that the letter purporting to come from the New York bank had justified the auditors in signing their report, as it was apparently genuine.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET FEBRUARY FIFTH—WARM TIME EXPECTED

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Parliament opens on Thursday, February 6, for a session that will probably last well into the summer months and with a subsequent general election in the balance. Since last session the standing of the parties has changed but little. Elected with by-election results, Liberals feel however, that their strategical position in the country has improved much beyond the actual party gain in West Hastings, and that the government can meet its fourth session with confidence.

The coming session promises to be historic. Premier King on a number of occasions has announced the intention of the government to bring down a constitutional amendment to limit the veto powers of the senate, as far as the Parliament act of Great Britain limited the veto power of the lords. But, such a constitutional amendment will only be brought about—such is the general expectation—after a long and bitter fight. In both houses, opponents are expected to fight it on the ground that there should be no amendment to the constitution agreement embodied in the British North America act without prior consent of the federating provinces.

And apart from the promised battle over senate powers, the bill of fare promises wealth of contention. The decision of the railway commission in the Crownest Pass case is likely to result in legislative proposals that will be sharply contested. The Australian trade treaty necessitates parliamentary action that will give rise to some lively cross fire.

The Japanese amendments to the Geneva peace protocol on disarmament are expected to occasion some keen criticism, particularly from the British Columbia members.

While the session is still seven weeks away, the order paper is already piling up. Members anxious to have their chance, have sent in some 20 or so notices of motion raising almost every topic from a League of Nations to coal supply. A number of them are from the so called "Ginger group" who broke away from the main Progressive caucus last spring. The notices they have sent in indicate that the "Ginger group" plan a busy time. So far as the main body of Progressives is concerned, the expectation is that they will continue their general policy of the last three sessions—a policy which has been defined as one of "friendly neutrality" to the government.

Sunday was the shortest day of the year.

APPEAL TO POOL AGAINST GRADING OF THIS SEASON

Camrose, Dec. 20.—At a well attended annual meeting of the Camrose local, U.F.A., held in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, December 13, several important matters relating to the work of the organization at large received considerable discussion. W. T. Lucas, the member for Victoria riding in the federal house, addressed the meeting and reviewed in a general way the work covered by the last session of parliament. Hon. V. W. Smith, representing the Camrose constituency in the provincial legislature, was also present at the meeting and spoke briefly concerning the work of the U.F.A. The meeting tendered both representatives a hearty vote of thanks for the services they have rendered the district in their respective spheres of activities.

The grading of wheat this year received a great amount of adverse criticism during the lengthy discussion of the matter. The following resolution was finally adopted by the meeting expresses the attitude of the local U.F.A. organization: "Whereas, the farmers of Alberta have taken a great loss this year through a change taking place for some unaccountable reason in the standard of the wheat grades; and

"And whereas, it has always been the boast of Western Canada that it produced the highest quality of milling wheat in the world;

"And whereas we have a state of affairs this year which goes to show that instead of having a premium wheat we have heavily discounted wheat, as far as can be proved from the many samples of last year's wheat being submitted this year and being set at two grades lower than the same wheat sold for in 1923;

"And whereas, this is not only a loss of many millions to the producers but it is also a serious economic loss to the province;

"And whereas, it is unbearing of an organized body of farmers to allow themselves to be exploited in this manner, moreover when we have an organized pool in operation;

"Therefore, he it resolved, that we appeal to the Alberta Wheat Pool to prevent a recurrence of what has happened this year, and we suggest as a means to this end that the pool take steps to own and control its own terminals and mixing houses before the next crop is marketed.

WETASKIWIN LOSES FIRST GAME IN BIG FIVE LEAGUE

Lacombe, Dec. 23.—Lacombe defeated Wetaskiwin in the first league game of the season by a score of 4-3. The fans who braved the storm certainly got their money's worth as the game turned out to be one of the most exciting games ever played here. The game was inclined to be a little rough with very close heavy checking.

Wetaskiwin opened the scoring seven minutes after the game started, Dingle doing the trick unassisted after a fine individual rush. Both teams

METHODIST S.S. CONCERT

The annual Christmas concert of the Methodist Sunday school was held in the church on Tuesday evening, E. H. L. Thomas, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided. In opening, the Rev. Mr. Irwin made touching reference to the fact that for twenty-two consecutive years the Christmas season had been presided over by the late Mr. Fowler, who during that period had served as superintendent of the school and had given it a foremost place in his interests. All present then rose and with heads bowed paid silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Fowler. Mr. Thomas spoke on the serious vacancy that the passing of Mr. Fowler had caused in the life of the school.

The concert carried with it the usual interest that always centres in a children's entertainment, the recitations and songs of the little tots being especially appreciated. There were several musical numbers of unusual merit and a musical tableau of the nativity was very artistic. A negro song by the Wetaskiwin Boy Minstrels concluded the program when Santa arrived direct from the Arctic Circle with his generous store of gifts for one and all.

LEDUC WINS FROM PONOKA

Leduc, Dec. 20.—In the "Big Five" opener last night, Leduc emerged on the long end of six to two score when they crossed sticks with the Ponoka aggregation. The game was very fast and remarkably clean for a league opener, no penalties being handed out by Harry Small, who handled the game in his usually efficient manner. For the visitors, all worked well, but Stephens in goal and the Sayers brothers were possibly the heroes of the night. Taken all around, Leduc has a great aggregation this year and with some support from the fans should work wonders.

Line up position Ponoka
DeForest goal Stephens
Glanville defence Stulten
McGregor defence W. Sayers
Glen centre B. Stephens
Wills forward H. Sayers
Brown forward Hayes
Robinson forward Longman
McKay forward James

U.F.A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Coal Lake local U.F.A. will be held at the home of Alf Jerne on Friday evening, January 2nd, 1925. The order of business will be the following: consideration of annual convention resolutions; cooperative buying by the local; choosing delegates to attend the annual convention; new and unfinished business. All members of the beef ring are requested to be present as the secretary would like to have the books closed.

The schools of the city closed for the vacation on Monday, and several of the teachers have left to visit relatives and friends. Miss L. Harnen going to Camrose; Miss Ingalls to her home at Millet; Miss James to Nordegg; Misses A. Alexander, L. Mabey, E. D. Dawson and O. E. Borden to Edmonton; and Mr. H. J. Stephens to Calgary. The schools will reopen on January 5th.

And graders, and we go on record as being in favor of letting the system stand but to the business between the producers and millers themselves as far as possible.

were going fast with some fine rushing as well as some combination rushes. Lacombe evened the score toward the end, Danner beating Mullin from close in, after taking a pass from Ritz. The period ended 1-1.

The second period belonged to Lacombe, who bewildered Wetaskiwin with two and three-man rushes. E. Calkins scored for Lacombe on a nice shot from the blue line and soon afterwards he again scored unassisted after a fine rush, Ritzel, defence man for Lacombe, broke through for Lacombe's fourth goal from a long shot. The period ended 4-1 in favor of Lacombe.

Wetaskiwin came back strong in the last period, Ryan getting a soft goal from a long shot. Watson duplicated soon afterwards on a nice rush. Wetaskiwin tried hard to even but the game ended 4-3 in favor of Lacombe.

For Lacombe it would be hard to pick out the stars, but Steel, Calkins, and Ritz turned in a fine game, while the veteran goalkeeper, Steers, after two years' absence from hockey, came back with a bang, giving a display of net minding that was a treat to watch. For Wetaskiwin, Ryan, Dingle and Watson played fine hockey, while Mullin in goal was in great form. Bill Amell handled the game in his usual manner.

Lineup Wetaskiwin
Steel goal Mullin
Ritz defence Dingle
Jackson defence Rubbra
Ritz forward Ryan
Calkins forward Watson
Danner forward Cormack
E. Calkins sub Mullin
McQuillan sub Angus
Poonck sub Angus

Summary
First Period
Wetaskiwin—Dingle, unassisted.
Lacombe—Danner, from Ritz.
Second Period
Lacombe—E. Calkins from Ritz; E. Calkins unassisted, Steel, unassisted.
Third Period
Wetaskiwin—Ryan, unassisted, Watson, unassisted.

EIKS DISPENSE XMAS CHEER

Santa Claus was "At Home" to about six hundred Wetaskiwin Kids at the Eiks' Club on Tuesday afternoon of this week. It was found that the prevailing cold wind would prevent a large attendance but these fears proved unfounded and the rising generation of Wetaskiwin were, there in flocks. As advertised, at three o'clock sharp, the committee in charge threw the doors of the club wide open and for two hours or more were kept as busy as Trojans receiving the small visitors who were given the freedom of the hall. After the singing of "O Canada" by the massed assembly of the genial Santa Claus appeared on the scene and was given a royal ovation. Each kiddie was given a generous bag of sweets and proceeded to make merry for an hour or more.

With the memory of the Eiks' "Kiddie Day" during the summer still fresh in their minds, the contented youngsters left for home firmly convinced that the H.P.O.E. stood for the "Best People on Earth."

A number of Xmas hampers has also been put up by the local lodge and distributed on Wednesday.

DONATIONS ARE ACKNOWLEDGED

The matron of the Wetaskiwin hospital wishes to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been recently received:

One dozen towels for kitchen, from Ladies' Hospital Aid.
Four pairs of bedroom slippers from Scandinavian Hospital Aid.
One turkey from Mr. Ed. Smith.

A. M. Knight, well known in his capacity as crown prosecutor, and later conducting prosecutions under the Liquor Act for the province of Alberta, was killed by falling down a service elevator shaft at the Macdonald hotel, Edmonton, on Saturday night.

MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, A.F. & A.M., Thursday evening, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:
W.M.—Bro. A. E. Wynne.
S.W.—Bro. N. A. MacEichen.
J.W.—Bro. Donald Ross.
Sec.—Bro. Geo. D. Wallace.
Treas.—Bro. Chas. H. Boyer.
Tyler—Bro. Jas. Vickers.
The installation of officers will take place on Saturday evening of this week.

At the regular meeting of Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Z.—E. Comp. Geo. L. Gohard.
H.—E. Comp. A. E. Wynne.
J.—Comp. H. G. Smith.
S.E.—H. E. Comp. G. D. Wallace.
S.N.—Comp. T. E. Williamson.
Treas.—Comp. B. M. Parker.
P.R.—Comp. G. Wiseman.
Jan.—E. Comp. V. C. French.

C.P.R. CONDUCTOR BADLY INJURED

A painful accident happened to Conductor Louis Wice of the C.P.R. on Wednesday evening last at Millet. As the train slowed down, he noticed that a passenger was about to get on board before the train came to a standstill, and fearing an accident to the passenger, he jumped off to catch him. In attempting to get on the train again, he caught the hand rail at the rear of the last car, and just as he did so, he stepped off the platform between the moving coach and the platform. He had presence of mind enough to hang on and was dragged for some distance, but his cries for assistance were not heard, and he dropped into a snow bank. He received a badly sprained back, and other injuries. Fortunately his precarious position was observed and he was rendered assistance, otherwise it is likely he would have frozen to death, as it was a bitterly cold night. He was brought to the Wetaskiwin hospital for treatment, and had sufficiently recovered as to be able to leave for his home in Calgary Monday morning.

Mr. Munroe McLeod, of Camrose, formerly of the Wetaskiwin teaching staff, is in the city on a brief visit with his brother, Dr. McLeod.

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Our Greeting
And Wish

As the three wise men rode on that first Christmas to find the manger-child Babe of Bethlehem, they bore gifts on their saddle bows; gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh. And so the spirit of Christmas giving crept into the world's heart.

The injunction was to go into the highways and byways and seek out the poor and distressed, the humble and afflicted, the ragged children and the outcasts and the aged, and in the name of Him who was born on Christmas day, carry some sunshine into their lives. Give unto the poor and afflicted and your hearts shall glow with that peace which passeth understanding.

The two dominant characteristics of the Christmas season are kindness, expressed by goodwill toward men, and the inward joy wrought by kind acts, and suggested by peace on earth. "The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young," and with each recurring Yuletide we like to think of the spiritual blessings brought to the children of men on that first Christmas.

Our greeting to you is one of kindness in return for the good will you have displayed with the fresh, clean joys of the season and receive a liberal endowment of that spirit which at this time rises like a mighty flood over the world.

Christmas,
1924

How shall we come to the Christmas of 1924? Shall it be with despair in our hearts of the final triumph of good over evil, or dare we, despite the voices of the present and the dark fears for the future, declare our faith in the words of Browning's innocent child, and say:

"God's in His heaven;
All's right with the world!"

The answer is simple. Leave Him out of His heaven and out of His world, and Christmas, with its "glorious song of old" is little less than a mockery. But hold to the faith that has stayed and steadied unnumbered multitudes of earth's finest spirits in days when those who then were saying, "Where is now thy God?" and who will greet the dawn of the new Christmas with a deep and satisfying peace.

Here is an optimism that will hold the coming Christmas not because it ignores the facts, on optimism that knows that, though mighty empires have come and gone and darkness settled over many a nation like an impenetrable gloom, the world has steadily, if slowly, rolled out of darkness into light. This is not the only era in human history when civilization has seemed to be drifting toward the rocks, with no watcher at the bow and no hand upon the helm.

Would any of us like to go back to the days when man was emerging from his arboreal life? Do we pine for the civilization of Babylon or Egypt, or Rome, with the world mostly slaves? Have we made no progress even through nights of French revolutions and Russian horrors? Look back through human history and trace the upward climb, and mark the larger world into which humanity has come since that first Christmas day, and despair will give place to hope, and the song of Browning's little maid will not seem so mad a dream.

The
Community Spirit

This town has many good citizens who are absolutely loyal to their home town. They are behind every movement that will make conditions better, and as a whole they work together with the result that they usually accomplish what they set out to do. We have others among us, unfortunately, who have no sentiment in anything that is not for their personal benefit or advantage. Needless to say, such people are not the ones who are on the boosting end of a proposition, neither do they carry much weight as a rule. Yet they frequent the town, and there are enough of them, really, if there are enough of them. The community spirit is the thing desired, and so long as

that is strong enough, the home town will go ahead. Is everybody ready to help? If so, we will be happier, more contented and more prosperous.—Action Free Press.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Come, ye happy girls and boys,
Lead a hand for Christmas joys.
Christmas-time is well begun
With our jolly loads of fun.
Blow the horn and scold the sled
Till it's time to go to bed.
Christmas must not pass away
Without sports both glad and gay.

THAT DAY LONG AGO

(By F. H. Sweet)
Solemnly, pleadingly, church bells are ringing
To us a message across the white snow.
Tenderly, lovingly, to us are bringing
Telling that first were brought ages ago;
Things that make men's hearts
Soften and glow
As on that Christmas day
Ages ago.

Joyfully, tenderly, church bells are chiming
To us their greetings across the deep snow,
Bringing fresh hope to the hearts
That are climbing
Upward in search of that feeling of glow.
Such as the shepherds felt
Ages ago,
When they were called by the
Star's tender glow.

O LITTLE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shinneth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wandering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where weak souls may receive Him,
Still

The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the heavenly angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.

A SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS!

What a wonderful spirit is this which meets us down on that margin where the years pass each other—only going and the other coming! It laughs at distance, for the mind then can wing its way over continents and seas that divide us. It starts pilgrimages in fancy, and reality, to the old home. It calls its roll and from faded pages it brings names that were almost forgotten. Indeed, names are not then that one scarcely mentions from one's own end to another. It stops processions on the way to the cemetery of forgotten things. It awakens memories, and digs in the ashes of the past.

It breaks on mankind with the sound of bells, and lets in a flood of feeling that carries down the barriers of selfishness, and our little boats are loosened from their moorings. It is an earnest of redemption, and a reminder that the world is not altogether bad, for there is scarcely a doorway anywhere then in Christendom which is not entered by a messenger of Love.

Indeed, a channel has been worn in the world's year, and for these few days at least, the spirit of Christ fills it to the brim.

Christmas should mean more to the surging tide of humanity than a day in which to receive gifts and favors; a day in which the home table is adorned with bounteous supplies of rich food and relishes; a day in which homes are warmed by the glowing fires and blended into warm colors by appropriate decoration. Christmas is nothing to you if this is what it means.

The Christ gives all, without hope or promise of receiving. Shall we receive all and give nothing.

What about the unfortunate brother near you on whom Dame Fortune has not smiled? Offer the comfort of

Here and There

Agricultural products harvested in British Columbia during 1923 were nearly \$4,000,000 in excess of the 1922 total, according to the annual report of the provincial department of agriculture. Total production for 1923 was \$59,159,798.

The ninth winter carnival at Banff, Alta., will be held from February 7 to 14, 1925. The curling bonspiel in connection with the carnival will run concurrently from February 9 to 14. Revelote has fixed its carnival dates for February 8, 4 and 5, 1925.

Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people have left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province during the previous year. The number of motor cars entering the province during the tourist season exceeded 11,000.

Canada Book Week was held from December 1 to 5 this year. Addresses, radio broadcasting and special displays in stores throughout the country drew attention to the objects of the week, which are to promote the reading of good books generally and to foster Canadian literature. The week was, as usual, a distinct success.

The foolhardy recklessness of certain motorists was recently strikingly illustrated at a public crossing on the Canadian Pacific Railway line at Blind River, Ontario, when a speeding auto approached the objects of the week, which are to promote the reading of good books generally and to foster Canadian literature. The week was, as usual, a distinct success.

In recognition of its excellent exhibits at the 1924 exhibition at Toronto, the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded one of the medals specially struck off for presentation to the Dominion and Provincial governments, and to a limited number of other exhibits whose high class entries in the live stock and agricultural departments won them championship prizes.

The plans for the construction of an immense amusement centre at Victoria, B.C., to be called the Crystal Gardens, have just been announced by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is responsible for the scheme. The gardens will include a salt water swimming pool 150 feet long, and a series of dancing floors, with tea rooms and restaurants. Great quantities of plants, vines and shrubs will be grown in the structure, which is on the lines of a vast conservatory, containing 36,000 square feet of glazed glass roof surface.

A considerable increase in the sheep population of Canada, which has declined since 1920 from 2,555,020 to 1,675,000, is expected as a result of the recent importation by Alberta ranchers of 400 Rambouillet rams. These animals are merinos, with fine wool, bred in France from Spanish merino stock. Louis XVI obtained the first flock as a gift from the King of Spain. A harem of 20,000 western range ewes will be provided for the Alberta purchase. The enterprise is important, on account of the prevailing world shortage of wool.

your friends and the fruits of your labor to him on this, the Day of all Days.

What about the helpless, undernourished infant to whom the cost of a cigar would mean a quart of whole some milk, happiness and comfort? What about the widow, laboring to

SKIN DISEASES
Eczema, Salt Rheum
RELIEVED BY USING

**Burdock
BLOOD
BITTERS**

Mrs. S. Arneault, Belle Cote, N.E. France.—Having been troubled with eczema on my hands for over five years, and trying everything I could think of, including doctors, but with out any relief, a friend advised me to take B.B.B. After having used two bottles of your wonderful medicine I was freed of my trouble. That is not a year ago, and I have not had a slight sign of it since.
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keep life and health in a large family? It might be your wife ten days or ten years hence. The price of a quart would bring happiness to her home and friends.

Go out on this day; seek out the fallen; comfort them as best you can. If it is only a good dinner you can give it, give it gladly.

Give without thought of receiving in return; the gods will not forget you. They never do. Make it not only a "Merry Christmas," Brother, but a good Christmas for all mankind.

Lacombe, Dec. 12.—The Lacombe Band minstrel troupe staged their first entertainment in the Elks' theatre on Thursday evening, and a second performance was given on Friday. The results were most gratifying. It is understood that part of the proceeds are to be devoted to some good cause in Lacombe. Before a capacity house which enjoyed every part of the program, every member of the troupe did his best, with the result that it was voted one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever held in Lacombe. It was held under the direction of George Smith.

An Australian went to England on behalf of his government. When he arrived there, an English member of parliament said to him: "I hear there are quite a number of my countrymen in Australia. Of yes," said the Australian, "but the rabbits are our worst pest."

'A CHRISTMAS HYMN

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come

With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angel sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song that they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By sunset hands foretold;
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold.

When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Red Deer, Dec. 20.—The long-looked for opening of the Nordegg mine took place yesterday, all miners being requested to report at the mine yesterday afternoon. This will be welcome news to over 600 men who have been waiting for mines to open and will accept it as a stimulus to business coming as it has just before Christmas.

Canada must get more capital and more people if she is to survive and progress, and she must get them by utilizing her policy with that of Great Britain, declared Dr. Stephen Leacock, professor of political economy at McGill university, in a Toronto address.

CHRISTMAS A
WISHING-TIME

Here's a welcome to Wishing-time! A good word for Wishing-time! For Christmas-time is Wishing-time all the world over! Let it come to us in the white robes of winter-time—the snowman in the garden and the snowballs on the street; the skating on the lake and the frosty walk to church; the snap-dragons in the hall and the ghost story in the flickering fire-light!

Or let it come to us as it comes beneath the Southern stars, in the golden glory of high summer-time—a flutter of white dresses and red roses, a festival of strawberries and cream! In one respect, at least, the season never changes. Come when it will it comes in a whirlwind of wishes. Summer-time or winter-time, Christmas-time is Wishing-time! I welcome once more the world's great Wishing-time.

Here to be out on the street on the night before Christmas. Last year, I remember, everybody was abroad. It was difficult to jostle one's way along. For the movements of the throng were not regular. Friends met friends; groups quickly formed, and the stream of traffic became blocked in consequence.

But as I drifted along on the current of the crowd, and caught the fragments of conversation that fell upon my ears in passing, it occurred to me that everybody was wishing. "Wish you a Merry Christmas!" "A Happy New Year!" "Compliments of the Season!" Clearly then, Christmas-time is Wishing-time! At this season of the year we all become experts in the art of wishing. If we do not do it well, it is certainly not for want of practice. We are at it from early morning until late at night.

A seasonable greeting is tucked into the closing sentences of every letter that we write; every handshake is accompanied by the expression of a timely wish; and even if, in passing each other on the streets, we do not pause to shake hands, we at least find time to toss our good wishes to each other as we hurry on.

A survey of the masses that, by morning, the postman brings, or a glance into any stationer's window, shows that all the resources of poetry and all the ingenuity of art have been exploited in order that our greetings for wishing may find dainty and elegant expression. We flash our wishes with every nod of the head, with every glance of the eye, with every stroke of the pen. We breathe out wishes as the flowers breathe fragrance. We radiate wishes as the stars radiate light. Christmas invariably comes in, and the Old Year goes out, to the accompaniment of a perfect hurricane of wishes! There are wishes everywhere!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS PEACE

Christmas peace is God's; and He must give it Himself, with His own hand, or we shall never get it. Go then to God Himself. Thou art His child, as Christmas Day declares. Be not afraid to go unto thy Father. Pray to Him, tell Him what thou wishest; Say, "Father, I am not moderate, reasonable, forbearing. I feel I cannot keep Christmas aright, for I have not a peaceful Christmas spirit in me; and I know that I shall never get it by thinking, and reading, and understanding; for it passes all that, and lies far away behind it, does peace, in the very essence of Thine undivided, unmoored, absolute, eternal Godhead, which no change nor decay of this created world, nor sin or folly of men, or devils, can alter; but which abideth for ever what it is, in perfect rest, and perfect power and perfect love. O Father, give me Thy Christmas Peace."—Charles Kingsley.

LACOMBE MILL IS
BURNED TO GROUND

Lacombe had a bad fire on Wednesday evening of last week, when the flour mill of the Lacombe Milling Company was burned to the ground. The damage is estimated at \$25,000. Some insurance was carried but to what extent the loss will be covered is unknown.

The fire is believed to have started from an overloaded stove. The mill had a fifty barrel capacity and was fitted with all the latest machinery for milling and grinding.

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and Friends
THE SEASON'S
COMPLIMENTS
O. H. RONNIE

To All our Friends:

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Christmas;
Happy Feet,
and a
Prosperous
New Year
is our
Wish to You!

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Shop

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WALIN STUDIO
Wish Their Many
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MERRY
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WE EXTEND
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
WITH OUR
HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES
FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR!

We assure you of our Sincere
Appreciation of the dealing we have
had with you during the past year
and we hope that the same relations
will be continued throughout the
coming year.

ABOUSSAFY & SONS

"FOR CHRIST THE LORD IS BORN"

(By Martha B. Thomas)

It was Christmas Eve, and the stars were holding a conference. They could not leave their places in the sky because it was against the law of light, so they managed to talk by myself. That is, each star sent a ray toward a certain spot, where all the other rays were shining, and this made the conference.

Star talk! Words of light! It was a very bright and busy time. The largest stars did the most talking; they had a good deal to say about the way they shone when the world was away. "We are not only beautiful to look at," they declared, "but we help folks to get about on dark nights. The earth folks like to look at us and wonder about us. We are very important!" If stars could swell with pride those stars would have burst. When they had talked very hard for about an hour, a small, slender shaft of light twinkled into their midst.

"Who are you?" came a chorus of shining voices.

"I am the Star of Bethlehem," was the answer.

The other stars had never heard of her. They were inclined to laugh at her. But there was something so sweet, so penetrating, so beautiful in her light that they were constrained to give heed.

"What is your history?" then demanded the largest and oldest star.

The Star of Bethlehem quivered with a clear radiance which seemed to have all the colors of the rainbow.

"An angel with a torch came and lighted me the very first Christmas Eve. I shone with a special luster and guided many people to the manger in Bethlehem, where the Christ Child lay with his Mother Mary. Shepherds saw me while they were watching their sheep on the hillside. And other angels of blinding beauty sang near me. They played on golden harps. The sky shone with a heavenly glory. There never has been a night so wonderful."

The other stars listened with awe. Before this sweet, compelling light they felt silent and humble. Then, for an instant, there came an incomparable brilliance. The Star of Bethlehem blazed in indescribable beauty. And faint and far came the music of harps and singing:

"For Christ the Lord is born!"

1,307 PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS IN UNION

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The results of an official census of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on the question of church union, were published in a statement issued at the headquarters of the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening, when the last returns from 77 presbyteries, as reported, 1,307 will enter the total church, this being 80.1 per cent of the total. The number of those reported to have definitely decided not to enter the union is 197, being 12 per cent of the total. The balance of 128 ministers are reported to be undecided as to whether they will enter the union or not.

Fall Term Standing Wetaskiwin Schools

Report for the four months ending December 31, 1924. Names of students arranged in order of merit in three divisions: 75% and over; 50% to 74% inclusive, and under 50% (grades and teacher's name indicated).

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

Grade I.—
75% and over—
Edward Wudel, 94
Audrey West, 91.2
Albert Wudel, 90.1
Laurence Fend 88.1
Elsie Gardner, 84.5
Helen Getchell 84.1
Willie Knall, 83.
Earl Baker 82.1
James Thompson, 82
Samie Knall 80.2
Florence Remus 75.2
Pearl Collett, 77.2
Oleg Schneck 77
Jean Bridgeman, 76.1
Dorina Kelley 75
Alice Spencer 75

50% to 74%—
Lillian Roruph 72
Grace Rice 72
Emma Peberg 66
Ivan Litten 65.1
Thelma Walker 64
Anna Wudel, 62
Evelyn Versteat 62.2
Roland Wagar 55
John Peberg 50

Under 50%—
Francis Scott 23
John Porter 15 (new pupils)
W. M. Walker, teacher

Grade II A.—
75% and over—
Robert Spencer
Roy Smith
Edna McLeod
Dorothy Woods and
Melburne Sorenson, equal
Marion Emma and
Raymond Kirstein, equal
Willie Schneck
Dale Manley
Arnold Roruph
Thomas Bates and
Henry Leschert, equal

50% to 74%—
Jean George and
Margaret Stevenson, equal
Archie Neil
Keith Muir
Jean McMurdo
Florence Krause
Patsy Marshall

Under 50%—
Martha Kasur

Grade II B.—
Under 50%—
Willie Leschert
Joseph Ragan
Lorraine Sorenson
Sadie Wiltzer
Gladys Hobbie
Georgette Kelly
George Johnson
Violet Bidingier
Chas. Howe

Grade III.—
75% and over—
Florence Walker
Teresa Leschert
Jin MacQueen
Bert Brown
Barbara Thomson
Donald Merner
Lloyd East
Margaret Vars
Norman Sorenson
Marion Pettigrew
Mildred Spencer
Stanley Barnett
Clarence Johns
Mary Krause
Evelyn Dixon
Johnnie Page
Lucy Kasur

50% to 74%—
Lula Pelland
Kathlene Hoyte
Hilly Odel
Helen Watson
Ella McLeod
Reggie Morris
Lois Hobbie
Peter McLeod
Harry Weir
Dorothy Irwin
Vincent Cole
Norman Rippin
Lloyd Collett
Iva Baldry
Mabel Jorgenson
Helen Bogart
Russell Dayton
Harry Ragan
Charley Welsford
Alfred Howie

Under 50%—
Eva Miller
L. Hamren, teacher

Grade IV.—
75% and over—
Sunie Ochs
Leon Dunphy
Otto Wudel
Orville Baker and
Helen Smith, equal

50% to 74%—
Marjorie Montgomery
Estor Somers
Alistair Elliott
Nellie Bidingier
Vanda MacJanis
Gerald George
Tony Roruph
Jack Walker
Dudley Orr
Dorothy Prest
Edwin Lyle
Douglas Williamson
Lawrence Johnson
Betty Reeves
Sammy Wiltzer
Laurie Dunphy
Violet Parker
Wilfred Hoyte

Under 50%—
Hazel Hanna
Melville Walker
Fred Lord
Cora Wood
Gus Peblurg
Helen Nelson

Under 50%—
W. G. Gariough, teacher

Grade V.—
75% and over—
Nellie Walker

Grade VI.—
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Bob Enman
Billy Irwin
Sybil Liversidge
Evelyn Neat
Edith Kiefer
John Huns
Edward Schneck
Russell Grahman
Mildred Morris
Helen Wudel
Harold East
Peter Lant
Jack Kelley
Minnie Radonske
Wilfred Gardiner
Loreen Martin
Jean Peterkin
Hazel Weir
Jim Odel
Terence Spencer
Kenneth Olson
Fern Smith
Willie Welsford
Henry Ochs
Jennie Sotak
Marie Kasur
Ernest Scott
L. Mabe, teacher

Grade V.—
75% and over—
Ethel Barnett
Barbara Neat
Gwen Farnham
Jackson Bogart
Arnold Ellis
Murray Davidson

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Helen Cieland
Laura Walker
Florence Radonske
Jane Thomas
Vada Churchill
Agnes Spencer
Florence French
Lillian Broadbribb
Robert Ward
Kathleen Walker
Gordon East
Laura Radonske
Mary Dixon
Alma Feldberg
Hazel Wagar
Frank Pedar
Elsie Knall

Under 50%—
Rudolph Kiefer
Marcel Shantz
Paul Enfort
Vern Starkey
Gordon Scott
Dick Yee
Raymond Baldry
Red Rippin
Dollie Boerle
Jin Rippin

Grade VII.—
75% and over—
Maude Robertson
Phyllis Orr
Kathleen Orr
Gladys Moore
Barbara Weir
Violet Look 67.7

50% to 74%—
Annie Gibson
Emma Pelland
Iona Hanson
Flora Stewart
Doris Baker
Bela Moore
Emma Wudel
Ross Littman
Norman Johnson
George Compton
James Montgomery
Lars Lykken
Kathleen Kelley
Vivian Churchill
Thelma Jorgenson
Reuben Nyström
Harrison Burkholder
Henry Haas
Myrtle Spencer
Pearl Bell
Leola Ochs
Jean Taylor
Marcel Robinson
Robert Schneck
Charlie Wudel
Janice Paiton

Under 50%—
Roy Liversidge
M. V. Inglis, teacher

Grade X.—
75% and over—
Walter Orr 74.5
Jean Knowlan 73.8
Jean Walker 71.7
Doris Liversidge 70.8
Bela Watson 69.1
Vivian Richards 66
Florence Walker 64
Wm. Morris 63.5

Grade XI.—
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Alpha Torheim 61.1
Norma Chiddy 61
Josephine Freeman 60
Gordon Fraser 58.6
Ora Scott 52.1
Herman Thomas 52.5
Mora Morris 52.4
Evelyn Alberg, 51.5
Chas. Thomas 50.6

Under 50%—
Irene Brandt 49.8
Dorothy Cox 49.7
Zita Walter 49.6
Laura Thompson 47.3
Herbert Anderson 46.7
Mabel Hladik 46.5
Sidney Schell 42.6
Alma Grinda 42.3
Marie Novotny 41.7
Edward Hladik 39.6
Verna Allen 38.7
Earl Virtue 37.9
Fannie Cornell 37
Robt. McNab 34
Clifford Asp 33.3
Edith Novotny 29.4
Victor Chandler 27
Gordon Hanna 26.6
Wallace Scott 25.6
Emma Henderson 23
Chas. Patterson 14.1
E. D. Davidson, teacher

Grade XI.—
Junior—
50% to 74%—
Jin M. 72.2
Evelyn Johnson 61.1
Gwen Williamson 60.3
Fairy Rop 59.6
Keith French 59.0
Rea Hanson 58.4
Ruth Pearson 55.2
Katharine Robinson 55.1
Alberta Bergen 55.0
Florence Recknagel 54.4
Freda Schufft 54.2
Alice Liversidge 53.2
Agnes Katke 53.1
Avelyn Svensen 50.5
Florence Olson 50.3

Under 50%—
Arthur Ward 49.5
Leroy Greiner 49.2
Hjalmar Anderson 49.2
Gladys Hladik 49.0
Grace Stewart 48.0
Dana Leo Wing 48.0
Jennie Richards 45.1
Minnie Dickson 45.1
Doris Wallace 44.4
Truman Shaw 41.2
Ethel Hapert 37.1
Agnes Koly 37.1
Ted Pihman 32.2
Esther Dahlberg 31.1
H. J. Stephens, teacher

Grade XII.—
Senior—
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Elizabeth Mattson 67.7
Pearl Moore 65.1
Martha Brun 61.8
Bertha Freeman 61.5
Dan Leo Wing 58.5
Elizabeth Ochs 57.4
Vivian Miller 57.0
Secella Fenton 55.5
Ester Meyer 55.8
Eleanor Look 50.7
Mary Bengtson 48.4
Alice Meyer 42.2
Viola Poo 38.7
O. E. Borden, teacher

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Classified Ads.

For Sale

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte cockerels, pure bred. C. B. McMurdo, Wetaskiwin. 35-3tn.

FOR SALE—Or trade, one acre Berry and Chicken tract in Anacortes, Wash. Will take horses, cattle and farm implements, or a small threshing outfit. Olaf Cornelius, R. 4, Wetaskiwin. 35-3tn.

FOR SALE—The 12,000 lb platform scales connected with our office building; in first class condition; will be sold at a snap. Revelstoke Sawmill Co. 35-1tn.

Wanted

TEACHER WANTED—For Mount Red S.D. No. 3272, must be qualified lady teacher; applicant to state salary expected. Apply M. Hugo Unland, secretary. Chesterwood, Alta. 35-3tn.

FREED WHEAT WANTED—We will pay a premium of 4c a bushel for feed wheat delivered at our log ranch at Wetaskiwin. Johnson & Johnson, 22nd day of December, 1924. Phone 284 and 201. 35-1tn.

WANTED—By lady, room with widow, for light housekeeping, close in. Apply Box "P" Times Office, Wetaskiwin. 34-1tn.

Lost

LOST—In Wetaskiwin, about Dec. 13, a pup, half blood hound and half Alreadie. Finder apply to Sergt. Broadbent, P.M. Phone 227. 40-1tn.

Miscellaneous

TENTS AND AWNINGS—Repaired. Let us look over your tents and awnings before the spring rush begins. Also your auto, carriage and furniture. Highest class work promptly done at lowest price. Drop a card to W. J. Pickard, Wetaskiwin. 44-tn.

AUCTION—For satisfaction and service, get Mitchell the Auctioneer, Member A.A.A. Auction sales conducted anywhere. Phone 15, Mill. 44-tn.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of John F. Fowler, late of the City of Wetaskiwin, Gentleman, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named John F. Fowler, who died on the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1924, are required to file with the Northern Trusts Company, Calgary, Alberta, by the first day of February, 1925, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims and of any security held by them, and that after that date the Executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed, or which have been brought to its knowledge.

Dated at Wetaskiwin in the Province of Alberta, this 8th day of December, 1924.

ODELL & RUSSELL,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta,
35-3tn. Solicitors for the Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO OLAF NORDIN,
Formerly of MARLBOROUGH, Alberta:

Take Notice that an action No. 24314 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, by Mary Georgina Chichester, to recover the sum of \$721.58 due under a certain agreement made by you to her dated the 9th day of September, 1920, on "The S. E. 1/4 of S. 24; T. 4; R. 15; 1/4 West of the 5th Mer. containing 151.10 acres more or less, excepting thereout all mines and minerals," and for sale or foreclosure of said lands.

And Further Take Notice that you may deliver on or before the 24th day of January, 1925:

(a) Statement of Defence, or (b) a Demand that Notice of such defence be given to you.

And in default of your so doing, the Plaintiff may obtain judgment (and final order for foreclosure, or such other relief as she may be entitled to, all without further notice to you.

Dated at the Court House, Calgary, this 9th day of December, 1924.

"A. G. A. Clowes"
Clerk in Chambers

Approved
"L. F. Cherry," M.C. 40-3tn.

For Rent

ACCOMMODATION for lady or gentleman in private residence, modern conveniences. Apply Box "C", Times Office. 35-2tn.

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

Application for Beer License

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for a License to sell Beer by the glass, or open bottle, for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta, and regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following premises:

On the North side of the building and on the ground floor of the Wetaskiwin Hotel, on Railway Street and Lorne Street, Wetaskiwin, Block 12, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dated at Red Deer, Alberta, this 22nd day of December, 1924.
B. Dennett,
40-4tn. Applicant.

M.D. of Montgomery, 452

NOTICE

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the U.F.A. Hall on Monday, 12th January, 1925, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when appeals against the 1924 Assessment will be heard, and you are hereby notified to appear before the Council at that meeting, when your appeal will receive consideration.

Dated at Wetaskiwin, this 18th day of December, 1924.

GODFREY BAKER,
Secretary-Treasurer

CHURCH CHIMES

IMMANUEL CHURCH

Christmas Day—
11 a.m.—Short service and holy communion.

Sunday, Dec. 28—
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Matins.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service and sermon.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 28—
The pastor in charge at all services.

11 a.m.—A Message for the New Year.

2:30 p.m.—Sunday school and adult Bible Class.

7:30 p.m.—A service of song. The choir will repeat their Christmas music by request.

The Pastor and Congregation of the Methodist church extend to all their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. A. L. Elliott, M.A., B.D., Minister

Sunday, Dec. 28—
11 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.

2:30 p.m.—Sunday school.

7:30 p.m.—"Parable to 1924".

There will be a propitiatory service on Friday evening at 8 o'clock when new members will be received either by certificate or on profession of faith.

The session will meet at 7:30 on Friday evening of this week.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

Christmas services—
December 24—7 p.m.

December 25—10:30 a.m.

December 26—7:30 p.m.

E. G. Goos.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN ZION

December 28—
10:15 a.m.—German confessional.

10:45 a.m.—German communion.

7:30 p.m.—English confessional.

8:00 p.m.—English communion services.

December 28—
2:00 p.m.—Annual meeting of congregation.

C. Thies, Pastor.

SCANDINAVIAN BAPTIST

P. M. Meyer, Minister

Wetaskiwin service (Yulots) on Christmas morning at 6 o'clock.

Nashville—Sunday, 3 p.m.

Wetaskiwin Sunday school concert on Sunday at 3 p.m.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

Returning in the street car from the theatre the other night, two girls were discussing their favorite opera just as the conductor came in to collect the fares, one girl said to the other, "I simply love 'Carmen'." The conductor blushed and whispered: "Try the driver, miss, I'm married."

Hunting With Guns as Accessories



By the time he has gathered all his equipment and impedimenta around him the average man preparing to enter the woods with the idea of game hunting begins to wonder, first of all how he is going to carry it all, and then just how much of it he really needs. Eventually he sets off with the bare necessities of the trip, minus most of the paraphernalia he intended to take, but one thing he will not leave behind—his camera. It may get in his way sometimes, but as a rule he finds it indispensable. Without it he knows that he will be unable, probably, to support his claims as to big mouse shot or ferocious game encountered.

As a matter of fact quite a noticeable number of those entering the Canadian woods during the 'last' few years have been known to carry quite rather than cameras as accessories. A great deal more skill and bush lore is required to enable one to secure a shot

with a camera than with a rifle, the chase is even more exciting and the end, without entailing any slaughter, produces quite as much thrill. This will be readily acknowledged by the true sportsman.

Reproduced above are some of the closing season's most interesting shots. The doe was got within range after three days hunt out of St. Jovite, Quebec. She was not the largest animal seen, but she made the best shot. The moose which is seen leisurely sharpening its teeth was caught in the Kinnowa district of Ontario, while the other faced the camera in the waters of the Tobique, Nova Scotia. The buck elevating the fore of the Woods shows what may be obtained in the way of "action" photographs.

HOCKEY PICTORIAL

A "MASTERPIECE"

We have received a copy of the Hockey Pictorial, which has just been published, and which at once is the handsomest and most complete publication ever produced in the world for any single sport. It is a marvel of good taste and artistic and literary achievement. It is impossible to speak too highly of it.

The book represents years of effort; typographically and pictorially. It is a masterpiece. From cover to cover it is embellished with group pictures of championship teams from 1858 to 1924, in fact, a history of Canada's greatest winter sport is told in pictures.

Old-timers will be interested in the handsome halftone of the teams who were prominent a generation ago, while the younger enthusiasts will enjoy the reproductions of the more recent winners.

Local hockey fans will find a very interesting group picture of the Canadian Olympic hockey champions of 1924 on the front cover and also a complete history of the players and records right to the finish.

The book sells for \$2.00, and can be secured by writing to the Hockey Pictorial, 84 Victoria street, Toronto.

FAITHFUL SPARROW KEEPS VIGIL

Guelph, Ont.—Keeping watch and ward over the body of its dead mate, a little cock sparrow, feathers ruffled and emitting cheeps of despair at intervals, huddled down on the breast of his departed helpmate for about eight hours at the corner of Sydenham street and Edinborough road. A motorist proceeding up Edinborough road at a good rate of speed turned the little hen sparrow and she flew directly into the radiator of the machine and was killed instantly. The motorist returned to remove the body from the road, but with fiercely beating wings the little male defied him to approach. Eight hours later he returned to the scene on his journey home and perceived a dejected looking English sparrow still perched disconsolately on the body of its mate. He chased the little fellow away and removed the body of the dead sparrow. The bereaved one tried to follow him, but he was too weak, and finally gave up the chase and flew feebly away.

PRICE REDUCTIONS

ARE ANNOUNCED ON FARM IMPLEMENTS

Price reductions on practically the entire line of International Harvester Company farm implements are made in company's 1925 price lists just received. These reductions will be effective as of December 1, 1924, and are as follows on the representative machines listed below:

Blender	\$10.00
Mower	4.00
Hay Rake	2.00
Drill	10.00
Disc Plow	9.50
Gang Plow	4.90
Tractor Plow	25.00
Farm Wagon	8.50

DO YOUR POULTRY

PAY, OR DO THEY

COST YOU MONEY

NEW BOOKLET ISSUED BY BANK OF MONTREAL TELLS HOW A LOSS IS TURNED INTO GAIN

"Take the poultry money out of a farm community and the country town merchants would wonder what had happened to their business."

This is one of the many striking statements in a booklet "Poultry for the Farm and Home" just issued by the Bank of Montreal—fourth distribution from its various branches.

The facts put forward in this booklet illustrated by scores of actual photographs indicate that in many cases the same amount of effort on the part of those who keep poultry could be made to produce much more money than is now being produced.

Also by actual demonstration, the booklet shows that a flock of poultry may be producing little beyond the cost of upkeep, or be an actual loss.

The booklet brings to mind the many welcome dollars which farmers wives can for house expenses and little family luxuries by means of their poultry. It gives information as to the enormous amount of investigation into successful poultry methods by poultry experts and experimental farms all over this continent.

Information that has shown beyond all doubt that poultry keeping can be made an important and profitable branch of farm business, even when carried out on a modest scale.

For the guidance of farmers and their wives, the findings of these experts has been put into plain language in this book, together with photographs of every phase of the subject, showing what is right and what is wrong.

It is Profit Only, That Counts

A farm census in the United States recently showed that in a single year chickens and eggs sold by the farmers there brought \$1,048,000,000, or 39 per cent of the total value of all live stock products.

This illustrates what is being done by the constantly improving methods of poultry keeping. An experiment at the experimental farm at Guelph, Ont., so the booklet states, showed that one method of feeding poultry produced a handsome profit, while another method produced a loss.

It will be seen, therefore, how important it is for poultry keepers to know exactly what they are doing, and why. After all, it is profit, and profit only, that counts. This booklet tells just what to do to produce profit from poultry—the breeds to keep, the way to house them, the methods of culling, the feed to give, the manner of preventing diseases and destroying parasites, how to test eggs and market them—In fact, everything essential that a poultry-keeper should know put in language and pictures that anybody can understand.

The booklet is of the same practical character as the one issued by the Bank last year on "The Cow, the Mother of Prosperity," many thousands of which were distributed in all parts of Canada. The Bank's interest in the general welfare of the farming community is now further shown

TOOK OFF SHOE

AND STOCKING

IN FORTY BELOW

Lethbridge, Dec. 19.—A story of extreme suffering in the open range comes from Raymond. It was during the heavy snow weather of Thursday that Robt. Kinzer, a rancher, discovered Tom Bennett, an Englishman, and for four years a soldier in France in a pitiful condition. Bennett was driving a four horse team for the Knight Sugar company's ranch and travelled through the snow trails. Kinzer noticed that he was acting queerly and on riding up to the outfit, found the man semi-unconscious from exposure.

One foot striped of shoe and stocking was frozen stiff. Bennett later explained that he had heard the best means of fighting frost was to take off shoes and stockings and keep moving in the snow. The foot will be amputated in a local hospital.

The Family Herald Calendar

The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, has commenced the distribution of a beautiful calendar for 1925 with a picture subject entitled "The Sale of Old Dobbin." The publishers announce that the calendar will be sent free to each subscriber whose subscription is entered for 1925. The Family Herald Calendar has been greatly admired by those who have received advance copies.

Professor J. B. Reynolds, M.A., president of Ontario Agriculture College, and in a recent letter: "I am sure 'The Sale of Old Dobbin' will be welcome in every farm home to which it goes."

When one considers that the calendar is given free in addition to 52 issues of this big 72 page weekly, for which the subscription price is only two dollars, one marvels at the value received.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star has always been noted for its superexcellence as a family and farm paper, its low subscription price and generous premiums.

WETASKIWIN MARKETS

No. 1 Northern	1.61
No. 2 Northern	1.54
No. 3 Northern	1.42
No. 4 Northern	1.37
No. 5 Northern	1.27
No. 6 Northern	1.15
Barley	54.69
Oats	27.49
Rye	56.114
Hops	8.00
Sheep	3.00-4.00
Cows	2.00-3.00
Spring Lambs	69.10
Eggs (fresh)	60
Butter	30.35
Potatoes	45

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by the arrangement it has made for the printing of a special Canadian edition of this poultry booklet, which has been originally prepared by the Agricultural Extension department of the International Harvester Company. Copies may be obtained free of all charge from the local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

HIS ONLY EXTRAVAGANCE

Old Hen Roddy, from Hogskin Hollow, is fond of boasting of his amazing thriftiness, by virtue of which he has accumulated a fairly substantial bank account.

"You're very careful about your expenditures, aren't you, Uncle Hen?"

the village schoolmaster asked one day.

"Yes, perforce. I'm right smart that way. Fact, I don't 'recollect' that I ever spent but one quarter fir first denar foolishness. That was one Christmas time when I let a store-keeper talk me into buyin' a pair o' socks."

I Wish You A Merry Christmas

I wish you a merry Christmas,
'Tis good to be merry, you know,
I wish you a welcome reception
Wherever to visit you go.
I wish you delight on your meeting
The friends you now cherish as dear,
I wish you a merry Christmas,
I wish you a Happy New Year.

I hope that the old year may have added
To your joys and pleasures and friends;
Or, if the old year has deceived you
The New ones will make you amends.
Let prudence but guide your endeavors
And away with repining and care,
'Tis the way to be merry at Christmas,
'Tis the way for a Happy New Year.

The Manager and Staff of The Bank of Montreal

GREETINGS

We take the opportunity at this Christmas time, of extending to our Customers and Friends the Sincerest Good Wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HEALTH AND PROSPERITY
IN THE NEW YEAR!

C. H. BOYER

THE COLONIAL CLOCK

WHICH WE ARE GIVING AWAY

FREE

STOPPED AT

2:49 p.m.

Ross M. Snyder & Co.

Hardware Merchants

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the year draws to a close, we desire to express our heartiest appreciation to our many Customers for the business given us during the past year, and for the spirit of good fellowship and friendliness that has marked our business transactions. May this happy relationship long continue.

We desire at this time to wish everyone in Wetaskiwin and community

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

EVERY PROSPERITY DURING 1925!

J. E. GULLBERG

GENERAL MERCHANT

Phone 118 East Railway Street

A Personal Service

It has been the aim of this Bank, since its inception, to be something more than a mere repository for funds. Its policy has always been to render a service both personal and interested to all its clients. Perhaps this fact accounts for the remarkable and steady growth of the Imperial Bank during the last 48 years.

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Jute Horse Blankets, each \$1.50
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Mitts and Gloves
Trunks, Suit Cases and Bags
Everything in the Harness Line
Special Prices on our Hand-Made Harness
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We desire at this time to wish everyone in
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Lee G. Kelley

Phone 22 Wetaskiwin

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and Furnace Men are still on the Job.

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Stock Tanks and Tank Heaters always on hand
All jobbing attended to while you wait

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SANDY MACDONALD

Worth while finding
GOOD WHISKY, though not so
pleasant as in the days before
the war, is obtainable.

It may, of course, take some trouble
to find it—all good things do—but
when found, the trouble is as nothing
to the pleasure of drinking a whisky
that is sound in every respect, is well
with age, and is palatable beyond
words.

Get to know "Sandy Mac" and you'll
discover a new friend.

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MCDONALD, GRIFFITH &
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LATER, HOSPITAL

SPECIAL LIQUEUR - \$4.75 Per Bottle
A. H. M., 20 YEARS - \$5.25 Per Bottle

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DAD'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Of course it wasn't the first Christmas that Dad had lived through. It couldn't be, since it happened in his seventeenth winter! But, as he afterwards phrased it, it was the first Christmas "as was a Christmas" in his thinking. This is how it happened:

About a month before Christmas last year Dad and Mother called us up on the long-distance to ask about the kiddies, who, poor lambs, had whooping cough. It is a queer experience calling away from home, and I know they could ill afford it; so I talked fast and did all I could to make the call a brief one.

But after Mother had said "good-bye" Dad wanted a last word, although it had been he who had opened the conversation in the first place. A hundred miles away I heard him knocking over a chair in his nervous haste to get to the receiver, and Mother's sharp but kindly: "Take care, Father! They'll wait!"

And all he wanted to say in this telephone P.S. was: "Now, Bessie, don't you and Harry get me anything for Christmas this year. I really don't want anything—not after all you spent on theatre tickets when we were there Thanksgiving!"

"What makes you think they're planning to give you anything, anyway?" came Mother's tart protest from somewhere back in that provincial living room, a hundred miles away.

"Hang up, Father, don't be foolish!" "Now, remember, Bessie, nothing for me—not a thing!" and Dad did hang up, but not before I had read Mother's decisive step approaching him.

"Well, Harry, Father says we're not to give him anything for Christmas," I told my husband, going to sit on the arm of his chair, and at least share the newspaper, since it hadn't been offered me outright. "And I don't know but that lounging jacket we had thought of will be rather an extravagance on our part. What do you say to postponing it till another year, when you'll have your manager's ship, and getting a tie or something instead?"

But, to my amazement, Harry, who is the mildest of men, snatched the paper, which I was holding lightly by the corner, out of my fingers, threw it on the rug, and himself took the proverbial stand of the bossy male before the hearth. But his look was quizzical, not irritated, as his sudden motion had suggested.

"Now, Elizabeth, hasn't your father said that to us every single year, all these ten we've been married?"

"Yes, and he always said it when we were growing up at home. He's so unselfish, you see, he just hates having us spend money on him."

"But he always spent it on you, didn't he, even when he didn't have it to spend? Why do you suppose?"

"Why, just because he is so ridiculously fond of us all. He wanted to."

"Yes, but think beneath that for a minute. How do you suppose he knew it would please you so to get all the nice things he gave you? Why did he spend so much time and thought, as well as money? Why, just because he imagined what your pleasure would be. And how could he imagine it unless he himself in his secret heart looked forward to Christmas just as you did, and cherished a secret hope that he might get a few of the things he wanted himself. Knowing his sneaking hope, he could imagine yours. Why, that's why he gave you that impractical pearl gray handbag last Christmas! He knew you wanted it, even against your own good sense!"

"Oh, Harry! You needn't go so deep as all that for Dad's reasons. He'd heard me say I coveted that handbag. Impractical as it was, it wasn't imagination on his part—just a matter of knowledge."

"That's all very well." A steady light of determination beamed from Harry's eyes, as he spread his legs farther apart on the hearth rug. I could see that this was no idle argument with Harry. He was deadly serious, and had been planning this conversation in its every detail!

"That's very very well, wife of mine. But without imagination he would have taken your word for it that the handbag was impractical—you insisted on that every time you mentioned it—and given you something else. No sir, he didn't just hear your light words about anything having wanted such a foolish fobber. He did hear such, all right. You say to that, but he imagined, too. He knew what that kind of wanting means."

"And believe me, your old dad when he has waked on all these dozens of Christmas mornings of his life, has hoped that he himself would find just such a long-wanted fobber in his life. And instead of it, what has he found? Say, what has he?"

I hung my head. "Neckties, socks,

handkerchiefs, calendars and writing paper."

"Huh! And what has he hoped he'd find?"

"A photograph, a genuine necktie, a five-pound box of chocolates, house slippers (Mother never would let him go shuffling around in slippers, though), a seal ring for his little finger (imagined), a full set of Dickens, Oh, lots of things that he really didn't need, you know, and some that would have been ridiculous!"

"Finishing, I looked up at my loving husband. Speechlessly, he was pointing one long finger at me. When our eyes met, he burst forth:

"And you knew all this, and never took the pains to imagine how he felt. A fine daughter! All you, fine, unselfish people! Well, his son-in-law can't give him all those long-wanted fobbers—not this year—but you bet he's going to give him the lounging jacket, a blue velvet one with gilt braid and a sword with tassels. His loving daughter—may give him a tie—she's absolutely sure he needs one—and she can find one suitable for an aged man of seventy!"

But Harry's sarcasm, by now, was being wasted. I had caught his point some seconds before. For the first time I saw Dad in a new light. Why, he had never had a proper Christmas, poor dear; never in his whole life! And we, all of his children, had been brought up on perfect Christmas; all our hearts' desires being out of our stockings and singing from the trees! And he had done it for us—simply because he knew the hidden, childly disappointment of almost seventy Christmas stockings filled with practical sense gifts! His parents had been poor, poor, Christians on their hard little farm had been of an aristocracy a stiff altar. And his early married years had been a struggle too. An innocent, child hearted young making his way against odds, selling insurance in a stiff-necked old town.

But these later years—things might have been different. He had made good. There was a comfortable home, all paid for to the last mortgage, and a sufficient income from "renewals"—now that all of us children had grown to needs of our own. Yes, things might have been different. And he had done it for us—simply because he knew the hidden, childly disappointment of almost seventy Christmas stockings filled with practical sense gifts! His parents had been poor, poor, Christians on their hard little farm had been of an aristocracy a stiff altar. And his early married years had been a struggle too. An innocent, child hearted young making his way against odds, selling insurance in a stiff-necked old town.

"Where are you off too, Elizabeth?" shouted my husband, for I had jumped from the chair-arm and was out in the hall, talking to myself as I went.

"I'm going to get my writing paper!" I sang back from the landing at the first turn of the stairs.

And when I had fumbled for it through the desk in our back room (it was too impatient to fumble for it) I switched and returned to the sitting room, I explained.

"We can't do it alone, Hal. Not a regular, bang-up Christmas like he deserves! I'm going to write to his brothers and sisters, all six of 'em, and say they must come in. We'll just not give presents to one another this year. We'll concentrate on Dad. And Mother, too, of course. Only we always did give her nice things, anyway."

"Daddy (or you)? I'll say you are going in getting an idea, Elizabeth! You know you—"

But I'd not been out all that! Harry is an old bear, and entirely overrates his perfectly ordinary little wife.

So that is how Dad's first Christmas came about.

Harry and I and the children got home for it. The others, unfortunately, live too far away to come. But they had all fallen in with our little scheme, and we found their exciting looking bundles for Dad there, safely hidden by Mother in the attic. Their bold, "Don't open your Christmas! Inscriptions glared out at us from the attic twilight."

But it didn't seem fair that all of us shouldn't have had the fun of seeing Dad the next morning in his bedchamber delight!

Then, on Christmas Eve, after we had stuffed the children's stockings, and hung up our own, and put our bundles for each other around them, or in them, Dad eyed his curious and bulky packages keenly.

"Those don't seem like handkerchiefs and socks," he said, with almost a quiver of eagerness. "And how can there be so many? Haven't you mixed my pile with Mother's?"

But we reassured him, on tiptoe ourselves, like children, with expectation of his surprise on the morrow.

Then, he suddenly began his old song: "Now, I really don't want anything this Christmas, children. I do hope you haven't gone and spent a lot of money foolishly. I do need some

THEY BASK IN MID-WINTER SUNSHINE



Part of Spain, Trinidad. Below, Light lunch after a dip in the sea, with the children of the "Montezuma." East, "You go away from here!"

direct you over the fine road that form a network over the island, and in the other he will converse with his kind. This language sounds as foreign as any you will meet with in your tour of the West Indies, but if you listen intently enough you will catch an "m" and an "n" or a "y," then gradually your ear will be able to distinguish all the words and you will wonder that you could not understand the dialect.

They are interesting, these people. Watch them as they swarm around your cruising vessel docked in Kingston harbor, in their tub-like canoes, and dive deep into the water for your coppers. They are a different people in every sense of the word.

Participants in the cruise to the West Indies by the Canadian Pacific S.S. Montezuma in January and February next will be afforded every opportunity to study the various peoples with whom they come in contact and will return with at least a few impressions, and a better understanding of them. No matter how different they may be, they are never foreign. This is especially true of the British protectorates. If one would really get to the heart of these people he does not patronize them. If he does this he only finds the type that he expects to find

socks, and I've lost my last handkerchief, since mother took to sending our clothes to the steam laundry. But I don't need anything else!"

But we hushed down this ancient protest, as we said "good night!"

At last, thanks to Harry, Mother and I had had our eyes opened about Dad! In the bedroom, with our door closed, I whispered to Harry: "What do you bet Dad lies awake a while tonight, thinking of those big queer shaped bundles? Why, it's going to be more fun watching him tomorrow morning than watching the children, I do believe! There was a look in his eye—"

"Yes," agreed Harry, "there was a look in his eye! And last Christmas when he opened his boxes of handkerchiefs and socks and so forth, there was a look in his eye, too—one that made me feel cheap, I can tell you. I was noticing especially. Don't know what made me; but it was sort of disappointed, his look. Do you know, wife of mine, I think he's been moping ever since single Christmas that some day, somehow, somebody would get foolish and spend a little imagination as well as money on him! I think so!"

And the next morning the family found Dad sitting, flabbergasted, in his blue velvet lounging jacket, surrounded by his now reading lamp (the kind you carry around anywhere and stand by your chair right at your elbow), his genuine mercurium pipe, his seal ring, his new steel trout rod, his five-pound box of chocolates, his photograph, with a heap of records of all his old favorites, his house slippers, his whole new set of his old friend Dickens, done in rich red bindings and gilt edges—in fact, all the things his family, when they set their imaginations to work, knew he wanted—well, all I can say is that Christmas was moping every single Christmas for us!

Dad finally found words.

"Bessie," he said sternly—that is sternly for Dad, which, of course, is only an approach to sternness—"Bessie, you children shouldn't have gone and spent all this money on me! It was foolish. And anyway you know very well your mother will never let me wear these slippers around the house, or the lounging jacket either. She'll call it shiftless."

Mother had heard, "Yes, I will, too, Father," she cried, "Why, just thinking of wearing them has made you look ten years younger. I'm going to reform, and not be so old-maidish!"

"Why, Why! Whatever—" But Dad never finished. He laughed

with us instead for suddenly he knew that he had been found out.

So Dad, at the age of seventy, celebrated his first Christmas, the Christmas when his secret dreams came true.

And since then it has often come to my mind that most Dads are like my Dad! It's time, somehow, woke up and played Santa Claus to them, to those who have played Santa Claus to us so long. What about your Dad, Oh, heavens! A new thought breaks. What about Harry? Is that how he knew?

CHRISTMAS

Oh, Christmas, good old Christmas, you're with us once again! And for a while we sing and smile and love our fellowmen. The ancient grudge forgetting, we hunt up Smith and Jones, and wish them joy without alloy, and burn their ancient bones. Has Johnson done us evil? Ah, well, we let it slide; a man forgets to square such debts when comes the Christmastic. Have roads been rough and rocky, on which we've had to tread? It's Christmas day, so let's be gay, the roads are fine ahead. Have friends been cold and capricious, until our hearts are sore? The day is braw, their hearts will thaw, they'll be our friends once more. Are we grown old and wintry, with tired and spavined limbs? Forget the years of stress and tears, and sing the Christmas hymns. And frolic with the little ones about the Christmas tree, and hear the chiming and quote old rhymes and carols fine with me. God rest you merry gentlemen, God keep you cheery wives; on Christmas day no trouble gear should darken human lives.—Walt Mason.

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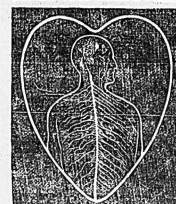
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Open Letter to D. W. Warner, M.P. Editor, Wetaskiwin Times:

Dear Sir—This letter is addressed to our representative in the Dominion parliament, with the object of focusing your attention upon the widely felt and growing dissatisfaction which is directed toward a government service. A service which affects your rural constituents most intimately—the grain grading service performed by the Dominion government.

You are no doubt aware of the general dissatisfaction in regard to the grading of grain, and particularly of late, in respect of grain which has come to be marketed this fall.

A grievance of long standing, is due to the high grading which rules in Canada in comparison with grading in other countries and in Liverpool. This condition is more or less well understood, and complaints on account of it are well founded, and, I believe, well justified. It is on account of this disparity that grain dealers are able to obtain the three higher grades of wheat at a spread of several cents per bushel; afterwards, the grain is sorted and the mixture sold at the highest market price prevailing for export grain of commercial grade. Thus dealers are legally

enabled to take an illegitimate advantage of the grain producer; and, moreover, I believe it to be a fact, that even greater advantage is taken and larger profits made out of the lower grades of wheat.

This condition is a grievance which neither of the established political parties have attempted to remedy. The various Farmers' organizations have also failed to press for any amendment; and the Progressive party, of which so much has been hoped, have been equally dumb and useless in this connection. This negative attitude of the Farmers' organizations and of the Progressive party is probably due to their too close affiliations with those who are of the grain trade. It is at least a fact that the Progressive party nominated a rather prominent member of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange for its first leader, and nothing but woe and ruin of the party could have followed an attack on that leader's business interests. If an attempt had been made to move in the direction of the interests of the grain producers, so that we can understand why nothing has been done, even if we cannot approve. It seems to some of us that the shadow of Cregar still rests upon the party.

Recently the matter of grain trading has taken on a more serious and sinister aspect, one which is causing much comment as it seems to be more serious and menacing to the interests of grain growers. It behoves our representatives to give this question their attention, and more so to be prepared to take action upon it.

In 1923 it was generally noticed that the grading of grain was unsatisfactory when compared with grading of other years. Grain of that year was graded lower than grain of the same quality of the previous year. Now please note, this was the first year of the operation of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

In 1924 there has been many cases where consignments have been made from the residue of last year's crop which have been graded lower than identical grain from the same bin and which was shipped during last crop season. No, these cases are not single and isolated ones; it is a very general experience. I have no doubt that some similar cases have been called to your attention.

These conditions are only possible when the standards which were established, meticulously defined, and which are supposed to be immutable, are varied. Thus varied, it would appear, to be the guide of the chief government grader and his assistants, in the course of their duties.

To put it mildly, Government grading is in dispute with the producers. Farmers are becoming convinced that not only are the grades set too high, which fact militates against their interests, but that grades are also manipulated to their disadvantage.

The above makes one wonder; in face of it, of what use is government grading. A perusal of the constitution and bylaws of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange gives one the impression that its rules and regulations are to be regarded by members as the laws of the Medes and Persians, or woe will befall a resister.

We know that the grain interests were strong enough to tell the government—metaphorically, of course—to go to H— when parliament and the government endeavored to regulate

late lake shipping. It would not be surprising to learn that a mere government official could be influenced by a body so powerful, especially when he had seen where the government got off at when there was a tilt with the grain interests.

If the grade set by the council of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange were intended to conform to government standard grades it would be natural to suppose that their bylaws dealing with grades should read "Government standard grades shall prevail" or words to that effect.

But it would seem that government grading is in the same class of jokes as the control of lake shipping and is becoming an equal value and service to the producers of the country as the railway commission is.

There is an opportunity for the Progressive party to break their record of synchroscopic acquiescence to all the works of a party that required a good deal of propping to keep it in office. There is a chance for Progressive members still to prove that they are not entirely subservient to their grain trade affiliates; and believe me, Sir, unless your party distinguishes itself by some action on behalf of your harassed rural constituents, the days of your ascendancy and of your colleagues' attendance at Ottawa are drawing to an inglorious end.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Hudson

Personally, I am satisfied that grading has varied from year to year. I am also satisfied that the variations are inepted at one and the same time throughout the prairie provinces, and that the variations are not to be taken as variations of judgment as between different officials. I have seen grain buyers who have had to accommodate their own years of knowledge and experience to conform to new standards, and they have not always done so without making some comment.

Offering a clue to this inexplicable state of affairs I call your attention to the following, being Section 8 of Bylaw No. 9, being a part of the constitution and bylaws of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange:

"The council shall have power and authority to fix the contract grades of grain that shall govern all trades made on the floor of the Exchange during the established hours of trading."

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HARROWING TALE, STORM, DISASTER

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20.—Capt. Sam. Nosworthy and six men, comprising the crew of the Newfoundland schooner or Freedom, were brought here yesterday from Barbados on the steamer Canadian Otter, with a harrowing tale of storm and disaster at sea. On October 17, the Freedom was blown far from her course. Most of the rigging was carried away and the men, in a desperate struggle, kept the pumps working and kept the water from rising in her holds. On November 28, Capt. Nosworthy decided to put to sea in the small boats and make for Barbados, 560 miles away. An hour later they left the Freedom the vessel went down.

Followed four days of horror with the small boats constantly filling and food and water almost exhausted. The two boats lost sight of each other but on the morning of December 2 land was sighted and both the boats landed within ten hours of each other.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS ARE BECOMING FEWER

The meeting of the Western Ontario division of the Weekly Newspaper Publishers, held in London last month, brought out the interesting fact that there are today forty-five fewer weekly papers published in the eight counties represented, than there were ten years ago. The eight counties are Essex, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford and Perth. When the year broke out in 1914, there were 99 papers in these counties and today there are only 54. This means that the greatly increased cost of publication has wiped out 45 weekly papers, a loss of nearly 46 per cent. The greatest falling off was in Lambton, there being now only five weekly papers in the county compared with fifteen in 1914. It is these publishers only who have advanced their rates to a living basis that have survived. There has been a similar falling off all over the Dominion—Forget Free Press.

A Voice for Santa Claus

Read it last week in the paper, ha! of a page it had; Read it out loud to mother; my, but it made her mad! 'Remember' some college fellow said in a mild, long speech. That Santa Claus is a humbug that nobody ought to teach; That tellin' the children stories of how he comes through the snow To bring 'em their toys and whatnots and whatnots and whatnots; That him an' his grubby reindeer, his pack and his old red sleigh. Was nothin' but lye'n nonsense that ought to be thrown away.

Nothin' but lye'n nonsense, teachin' a child deceit? Nothin' but fairy stories? Maybe, but ain't they sweet? What would you give, you fellows—gray-headed granddads all, 'Workin' from morn till evenin' over this hard old ball— What would you give in money, cash that you worked for so, To believe in the fairy stories you believed in long ago? What would you sell your past for? How much would close the deal? That bought up your memories' treasures, of days when them tales was real.

Christmas without a Santa? Member the nights before, 'Member how hard you listened hearin' the old folks more, 'Member the wind a-whistlin' up in the chimney flue, 'Member the place where Santa somehow would wiggle through? 'Member the Christmas mornin'! 'Member the stockin's, What? 'Member they filled with goodies? Nothin' that cost a lot, But, 'cause old Santa brought 'em wonderful things, you lot! 'Member just how you loved him? Some of us love him yet.

Christmas without a Santa? Puddin' without the plums, Think of the million youngsters waitin' the day he comes, Countin' the hours and minutes, thinkin' they hear his sleigh. Just as the birds heard it, he's in and out of the day, 'Member 'but lye'n nonsense, wicked to spread around? Then I'm a wicked lad, long I'm above the ground, Long as I've got a roof-tree, while there's a chance for you, But, 'cause old Santa brought 'em wonderful things, you lot! How is it, folks with you?

PROVINCIAL WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

Active measures to deal with unemployment have been taken by the Alberta government during the past month. As far as possible various public works in the province have been kept under way, providing for the employment of several hundred men.

In a statement to the press, Hon. Alex. Ross, minister of public works, outlined this week the work which the government has under way. A total of 110 men are now employed on bridge work throughout the province, and a similar number are employed on graveling as weather permits. Contracts have been let for 75,000 feet of piling. Of this quantity about 50 per cent will be erecuted, a new departure, which will add life to the timber. The same is being done with a large proportion of culverts, which will now be built of native timber and gravel. Orders have been placed for a million feet of timber for bridge building, and orders for another million feet will be placed shortly.

During his eastern visit, Premier Greenfield has impressed upon the railways the desirability of ordering from the stores coal and timber of the province. As a result orders have been placed and several of these mines were opened up the past week. The railways have also been asked to make an effort to place orders for coal as soon as possible.

The department of public works is also getting out figures on quantities for contracts for rock cutting on the highway through the Crown's Pass work on which will be undertaken as speedily as possible.

The Family Herald Calendar

Once more the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have given what the public wants, in the form of a beautiful calendar for 1925. Everyone who sees this work of art won't be happy till he has one for himself. The calendar can only be obtained by subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star whose subscriptions are received in time. Copies cannot be obtained by anyone not a subscriber.

The picture with the calendar is entitled "The Sale of Old Dollars" and is overflowing with human interest. It is a masterpiece which you will never tire looking at. In addition to the calendar and picture, the Family Herald gives to each subscriber a free chance to win as much as five thousand dollars cash in a simple contest and to anyone who secures clubs of new subscriptions there are valuable articles of reward, catalogue of which will be sent free of charge to any address. The Family Herald and Weekly Star holds its position as easily the finest of all popular journals.

RESOURCES ARE NOT YET SETTLED SAYS GREENFIELD

Premier Greenfield stated last week on his return from Ottawa, that although no agreement had yet been arrived at with the Federal government on the return of the natural resources to the province of Alberta, marked progress had been made in the negotiations and only a few minor details now stand in the way of a complete agreement.

Mr. Greenfield stated that these differences were at present being considered by Premier Mackenzie King, and that he expected a favorable answer from him in the course of a few days.

Nor 5 Children Had Severe Attacks of WHOOPING COUGH

This is one of the most dangerous diseases of children, especially to those under five years of age.

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And so it is with time. We get all kinds in a life-time—good, bad, hard and easy—and all seem somehow to be necessary to the world's progress just as the storms of nature are known to be necessary to carry out

the all-wise plans of the universe.

A great many are wont to cry hard times nowadays when instead they should be giving vent to optimistic outbursts. We should adjust our selves to the varying times as they come, and make the best of them and grow strong by them, knowing eventually that the sunshine follows rain.

HALF HOLIDAY AT CARDSTON

At a special meeting of the Cardston town council held in the council chamber on Monday night, the weekly half-holiday asked for by the merchants and other business men of Cardston was granted, and is to be incorporated into a bylaw to become effective after the first of the new year, 1925. This bylaw provides for a weekly half holiday every Wednesday afternoon, beginning January 1, and continuing until August 30, 1925, during which time the stores will be allowed to remain open until 9 p.m. on Saturday of each week, and also on every day preceding a full holiday.

GREETINGS

As the time approaches to say "Good Bye, 1924; Hello, 1925!" we are reminded of how much we are indebted to our clients for their loyal support during the past year.

To close this year without thanking one and all for the business given us would leave a most important debt unpaid. So we want to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks for the business given us and for the spirit of friendliness that has marked our business relations, which we hope will long continue.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. C. T. Rodman and daughter, Helen, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. D. Romage, of Regina, is in the city for a few days, visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. G. Smith.

T. C. Rubbra has been confined to the house for several days from bronchitis. It will be a few days before he is able to resume his duties.

The friends of Mrs. F. P. Spencer regret to learn that she is seriously ill. At the time of going to press she is reported to be somewhat improved.

Mr. David Hurd, who is principal of a consolidated school near Winnipeg, arrived Sunday morning to spend the holidays with his family.

The first hockey game of the season on Wetaskiwin will be played Christmas Night at 8:45, the visiting team being Ponoka.

Miss Lillian Hanna left for Calgary Tuesday afternoon, where she will enter the Holy Cross Hospital the first of the year as a nurse-in-training.

The Times would appreciate it those having friends for the holiday season would inform us of the fact. Our phone number is 27.

Mrs. J. B. Schreffels, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Rogers, at Warsaw, Alberta, during the past month, returned home Tuesday evening.

Miss Lawson, who is a member of the Stettler teaching staff, arrived here on Saturday last to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lawson.

Mrs. T. A. Finch and small daughter, Lois, arrived in the city Sunday evening from the Coast, to spend the winter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finch.

Mrs. Parker and son, of Coronation arrived in the city on Monday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Angus, and other relatives and friends.

The curling club has decided not to have a regular draw on Christmas Day, but the six sheets of ice will be left open to those who desire to arrange games.

On account of the inclement weather and the impassable condition of the roads, the Christmas business has not come up to the hopes and expectations of the business men this season.

Messrs. E. E. Chandler, Geo. Starkey and Glen Starkey returned home Friday from their trip in the west country. Glen met with a painful accident by falling over a log and injuring his limb. They did not find any big game.

E. E. Sparks, M. L. A. who has been on a brief visit to Vancouver and Seattle, returned home the fore part of the week. He was at the coast during the cold spell of last week and says it was very disagreeable there.

BORN

DUNPHY—In Wetaskiwin, on the 20th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Dunphy, a son.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown wish to thank the many kind friends for their kindness and sympathy in their sad bereavement.

WISHING
EVERYBODY
A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

H. R. FRENCH

OBITUARY

GEORGE RAYMOND BROWN

A gloom was cast over the community last week when it was learned that George Raymond, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, of Brightview, had passed away very suddenly, on the 19th last. He was aged two months. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, when the remains were laid tenderly away in the Brightview cemetery, the service being taken very acceptably by Mr. S. J. Fay. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Brown in their hour of sorrow.

PURELY FOR ORNAMENT

The trained nurse has to meet many curious conditions which arise among her poorer patients. One of these is the case of a woman who had a sick girl in charge in a miserable tenement house, noticed that the oranges that had been provided for the fever patient were not being eaten. They were placed in an old cracked, blue bowl on a little shabby table by the sick girl's bed, and there they remained untouched.

"Mary," said the nurse, one day, "don't you like the oranges?" "Oh, yes," answered the girl. "You haven't eaten any of these?" the nurse suggested.

Mary's mother answered, "O, miss," she said eagerly, "Mary, she ate half of 'em on Jimmy we at the other 'cent, 'ent my horse because it looks so nice an' 'wealthy 'to have oranges settin' round."

CURLING RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY PLAYERS

Players should endeavor to be on hand for the commencement of games. Delays spoil the tempo of the skips. Players, once they go on the ice, should remain there.

Resting, or walking on the walks carries dirt on to the ice and spoils some good plays.

All players should remain off the ice head except those authorized by the rules to be there.

Players should not hold their brooms in front of a rock, as it obstructs the view of the skips.

Players should not talk to an opposing player while he is delivering a rock.

Players should clean their feet on the mat before going on the ice.

Players should be ready to play in their turn.

The skips have entire direction of the plays.

WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hammerlin, Leduc, on Wednesday evening, December 17, when Mr. James Arthur Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, and Miss Emily J. Arnold were united in marriage, the Rev. W. Eakin officiating. The bride looked charming in cinnamon brown crepe de chene with bouquets of white carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss M. Allwater, of Wetaskiwin, wore a dress of fawn silk. The groom was attended by Mr. G. Jackson—Leduc Representative.

BUSINESS LOCALS

***The sure and attend the Novelty Dance given by the Wetaskiwin Hockey Club in the Elks' Home on December 21.

***Dance the old year out and the new year in at the Novelty Dance given by the Wetaskiwin Hockey Club at the Elks' Home, New Year's Eve.



Local Druggists Have Modern Remedy for Colds

A Vaporizing Salve which is Rubbed Over Throat and Chest for Colds.

When Vicks VapoRub, the "external" method of treating sore throat, bronchitis, deep chest colds, or croup, is applied over throat or chest, the ingredients are released as vapors by the body heat.

These vapors, inhaled with each breath carry the medication directly to the affected air passages, loosening the phlegm and relieving the congestion. At the same time Vicks acts as a counter-irritant, stimulating the skin, and thus helps the vapors inhaled to break up the inflammation.

Colds are usually relieved over night.

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A GOOD CROP

ROTATION

Crop rotation is practiced to a certain extent on all farms, more especially in the older districts of the prairies. It is a practice, however, which has never been considered of great importance by farmers in our newer districts but as the country grows older the enemies of crops increase, and the need for rotation becomes more apparent. In order to be in a position to furnish information on this subject when it would be needed by farmers of central Alberta, rotation experiments were started at the Dauphin experimental station in 1912. Five rotations were started at this time and have been added to until at present fifteen rotations are under test.

The rotation which has been most profitable, has been most efficient in weed control, and has also kept the land in excellent fertility and tilth, is rotation "O". This rotation is as follows.

First year, intertilled crop; second year, wheat; third year, oats; fourth year, summer fallow; fifth year, wheat seeded with 10 pounds alfalfa and 10 pounds clover seed per acre; sixth year, hay; seventh year, hay; eighth year, early in August, Soil is topped, each crop works in 15 tons of well rotted manure before plowing.

The outstanding points in the rotation are: It has three cash crops in wheat and oats; the intertilled crop, and the summer fallow control the weeds, conserve moisture, and leave the soil in excellent tilth; the years in hay, grass and legume combined maintain the root fibre in the soil and provide a high quality forage; while the application of barnyard manure maintains the humus and bacterial content of the soil. In addition to this, each crop works in to advantage with the preceding and succeeding crop.

Rotation "O" is recommended for central Alberta, and is similar in many respects to the rotations recommended by other prairie experimental stations. On the other hand, no one rotation is the best for all districts, and readers would be well advised to write the superintendent of their nearest experimental station for further information on the subject of rotations.

REMOVE SETTLERS FROM THE SOUTH

A total of 405 settlers with 696 carloads of effects have to date requested removal from the south-eastern part of the province to other districts of Alberta, under the arrangements in effect between the provincial and Dominion governments and the railway companies.

Some thirty families have taken up lands in the irrigated districts, chiefly on the government-endorsed projects of the United and Lethbridge Northern districts. The settlers removing, have, for the most part, shown a determination to decide for themselves the location of their future homes, and in view of this, the government has not attempted to force the removal of settlers to any particular district, although it has impressed upon these settlers the advantages of the government irrigation projects. Many of those removing have remained in the foothill districts of southern Alberta, while the remainder have found suitable locations in central and northern parts of the province.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Again the glad message that always rings true;
That never wears out nor ever wears through."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL!

The City Meat Market

PHONE 3

F. T. KIRSTEIN

GOOD NEWS AT LAST

The young doctor coughed rather gravely:

"I am sorry to tell you," he said, slowly, looking down at the man in bed, "that there is no doubt you are suffering from scarlet fever, and as you know, it is extremely contagious."

The patient slowly turned his head on the pillow and looked toward his wife.

"Darling," he said, in a faint but distinct voice, "if any of my creditors call, you can tell them that at last I am in a position to give them some thing!"

SAVED THE HOLY FATHER

An Irishman was dying of smallpox, and when he realized the fact he asked that the Jewish rabbi should be sent for to give him the last rites of the church. When told he should send for the priest, he would not hear of it. He wanted the rabbi, and would have no other. The rabbi came when requested, and recited the office for the dead. Being somewhat mystified by the man's preference for a Jewish pastor, he asked:

"But, why did you send for me instead of your own priest?"

And Pat replied: "Sure, I wouldn't give the holy father the smallpox."

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